

# State of South Dakota

## EIGHTIETH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2005

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### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Introduced by: Senators Earley, Kelly, Knudson, Koetzle, McCracken, Moore, Olson (Ed),  
and Schoenbeck and Representatives Boomgarden, Cutler, Glenski,  
Heineman, Hennies, Jerke, Weems, Wick, and Willadsen

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requesting the Congress of the United States to provide  
2 level or increased funding for the Community Services Block Grant program.

3 WHEREAS, the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) was created in 1982 as the  
4 successor to the Community Services Administration and the Office of Equal Opportunity; and

5 WHEREAS, the Community Services Block Grant Act designates Community Action  
6 Agencies as the only federally designated anti-poverty agencies in the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, Community Action Agencies use CSBG funds to provide anti-poverty  
8 programs that address needs specifically identified and prioritized by low-income populations;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Community Action Agencies leverage between seven and eight dollars of  
11 additional funding for each dollar of CSBG funds utilized; and

12 WHEREAS, thousands of low-income persons in South Dakota benefit directly from  
13 programs created or delivered by Community Action Agencies; and

14 WHEREAS, Community Action Agencies relieve county and state level programs of a  
15 significant financial burden by utilizing CSBG and other financial resources to provide needed



1 services:

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Eightieth Legislature of the  
3 State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislature of  
4 the State of South Dakota requests that the Congress of the United States authorize and provide  
5 funding for the Community Services Block Grant at its current level or increase funding in  
6 Federal Fiscal Year 2006 and future years; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to President  
8 George W. Bush, Senator Tim Johnson, Senator John Thune, and Representative Stephanie  
9 Herseth.